

**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Executive Committee
Minutes of May 9, 2011**

Davis called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Judge Mac Davis, Dan Vrakas, Jim Dwyer, Peter Schuler, Sam Benedict

Absent: Brad Schimel

Also Present: Rob Henken, Rebecca Luczaj, Vanessa Allen, Sarah Spaeth, Karen Phillips, Clara Daniels

Approve Minutes from April 11, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of April 11, 2011 were approved by unanimous consent.

Update on New CJCC Member: UW-Extension Co-Director, Melinda Stuart

Luczaj stated that Melinda Stuart has been named as the UW Extension Co-Director. Stuart will serve as a standing member on the CJCC beginning this month.

Update on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Grant

The Office of Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$100,000 has been awarded to Waukesha County. Approval of the County Board is required to accept the funding. The process is currently underway. An ordinance was submitted and it will be presented for approval at the County Board meeting on May 24, 2011.

The first CIT training session is scheduled for June 6-10, 2011. There has been great response so far, with eight officers from Menomonee Falls and one from Mukwonago already registered. Dispatchers from WCC have expressed interest in attending even though they are not eligible for the stipend. Luczaj will contact Chief Jack of Waukesha regarding his department's participation. The stipend offer appears to be a good incentive for affording attendance. No attendance limit will be enforced for the first session in order to accommodate all officers interested in attending.

Update on May 25th CJCC Strategic Planning

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *CJCC Strategic Planning Attendance, May 25, 2011*. A total of 24 people were invited to attend, including Henken, Allen, and Luczaj. Kathy Madden, Peter Schuler and Norm Cummings have indicated they would be unable to attend. Luczaj is working on securing the attendance of a representative of the county board.

Henken noted he would utilize a PowerPoint presentation to steer the discussion at the planning session. He discussed the option of asking participants for some insight in advance of the meeting, as to their individual thoughts on the top priorities for the CJCC in the future. After a brief discussion, Davis stated he was in favor of sending out something in advance. It would provide participants an opportunity to gather their thoughts and thereby come to the meeting well prepared and focused. Henken stated he would send out emails to participants this week, including those people who are unable to attend, with a response deadline of several days before the meeting date.

Davis will follow-up with Mayor Scrima regarding his attendance at the strategic planning session. Vrakas suggested inviting the city administrator if the mayor cannot attend. Benedict would like to see another manager from the clerk of courts staff attend in Kathy Madden's absence. Davis will contact Madden for her point of view on sending a substitute.

Discuss & Consider Applying for Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Adult Drug Court Implementation Grant

The CJCC Drug Abuse Trends Committee has discussed the possibility of implementing a drug court in Waukesha County. In April, the committee invited Rock County drug court representatives to present an overview of the successful drug court program there. Luczaj was recently notified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that a funding opportunity has become available. Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Drug Court Funding Opportunity Summary – May 2011*. There is \$350,000 available over a three-year period. The required match is 25% (approx. \$117,000), cash and in-kind, over three years. The application is due June 9, 2011.

Luczaj further discussed the proposed project summary. One possible model would be a diversion/deferred prosecution type, where as the DA, defense attorney and defendant enter into a plea agreement; upon successful completion of the drug court, the defendant would be charged with a lesser offense. The target population would be nonviolent offenders who have a history of drug abuse, but not necessarily a drug offense. The existing Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC) case management model, staffing team and judge would be utilized for the drug court program. Matt Hiller from Temple University has agreed to evaluate the project. The approximate length of the program would be twelve months, similar to ATC. The number of participants is yet to be determined.

Davis voiced his support for the submission of the grant application and stated Brad Schimel and Judge Domina, who will be the ATC Court judge as of August 1, are in favor of it as well. Discussion ensued regarding of the scope of the proposed drug court implementation and funding issues in relation to continuation of the program in the future. Dwyer acknowledged that another grant funded program and subsequent required reporting would put additional demand on Luczaj's time – it may be too much to expect from one person. Luczaj stated she felt able to handle it with the help of Matt Hiller and Health and Human Services staff. It is not a totally new concept and she is familiar with the application and reporting processes. Luczaj thanked Dwyer for his concern.

MOTION: Benedict moved, second by Schuler, to approve submission of an application for the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2011. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Update on Proposed Ordinance Changing Amount of Good Time Earned for Community Service Hours Completed by Offenders

A draft copy of the ordinance titled *Allow for Statutorily Authorized Good Time Credit for Huber Detainees Performing Community Service Work* was distributed and reviewed. The ordinance, submitted by Davis, will be considered by the County Board's Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee and then go before the full County Board for approval on May 24, 2011. Davis provided background on the current policy and the change proposed as outlined in the ordinance.

With approval of the sheriff and judge, Huber inmates are eligible to perform community service work while serving their sentence at the Huber facility. The CJCC has contracted with WCS to administer the Community Service Options Program. Waukesha County Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Land Use have created a program to utilize Huber inmates to perform volunteer work. Currently inmates receive an eight hour reduction in their jail sentence for every eight hours of community service performed. The state statute has been amended to allow 24 hours (1 day) of good time credit for each eight hours worked. The change will provide a greater incentive for Huber inmates to volunteer for community service. The program is a means to provide constructive rehabilitation for the inmates in a supervised setting while providing community organizations and non profit agencies with valuable volunteer service. It is anticipated that allowing for the faster earning of good time credit could result in an overall reduction in total number of jail days.

Next CJCC Meeting (Strategic Planning):

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 8:30 AM, Citizens Bank of Mukwonago

Next CJCC Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, June 13, 2011 @ 8:30 AM, Room C179

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.